



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 136**

February Session, 2010

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S PROCESS OF REVIEWING  
AND APPROVING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Higher  
2      Education shall establish a committee to study the department's  
3      process of reviewing and approving academic programs proposed or  
4      offered by institutions of higher education and determine whether to  
5      streamline such process. Not later than September 1, 2010, the  
6      committee shall convene its first meeting. Not later than January 1,  
7      2011, the Commissioner of Higher Education shall report on such  
8      study and the committee's findings to the joint standing committee of  
9      the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher  
10     education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
11     general statutes.

12     (b) The committee shall be comprised of the following members:

13     (1) The members of the Department of Higher Education's staff who  
14     are responsible for the review and approval process;

15     (2) Three representatives of the independent institutions of higher  
16     education that comprise the Connecticut Conference of Independent  
17     Colleges;

- 18       (3) A representative of The University of Connecticut;
- 19       (4) A representative of the Connecticut State University System; and
- 20       (5) A representative of the regional community-technical college
- 21       system.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**HED**       *Joint Favorable Subst.*